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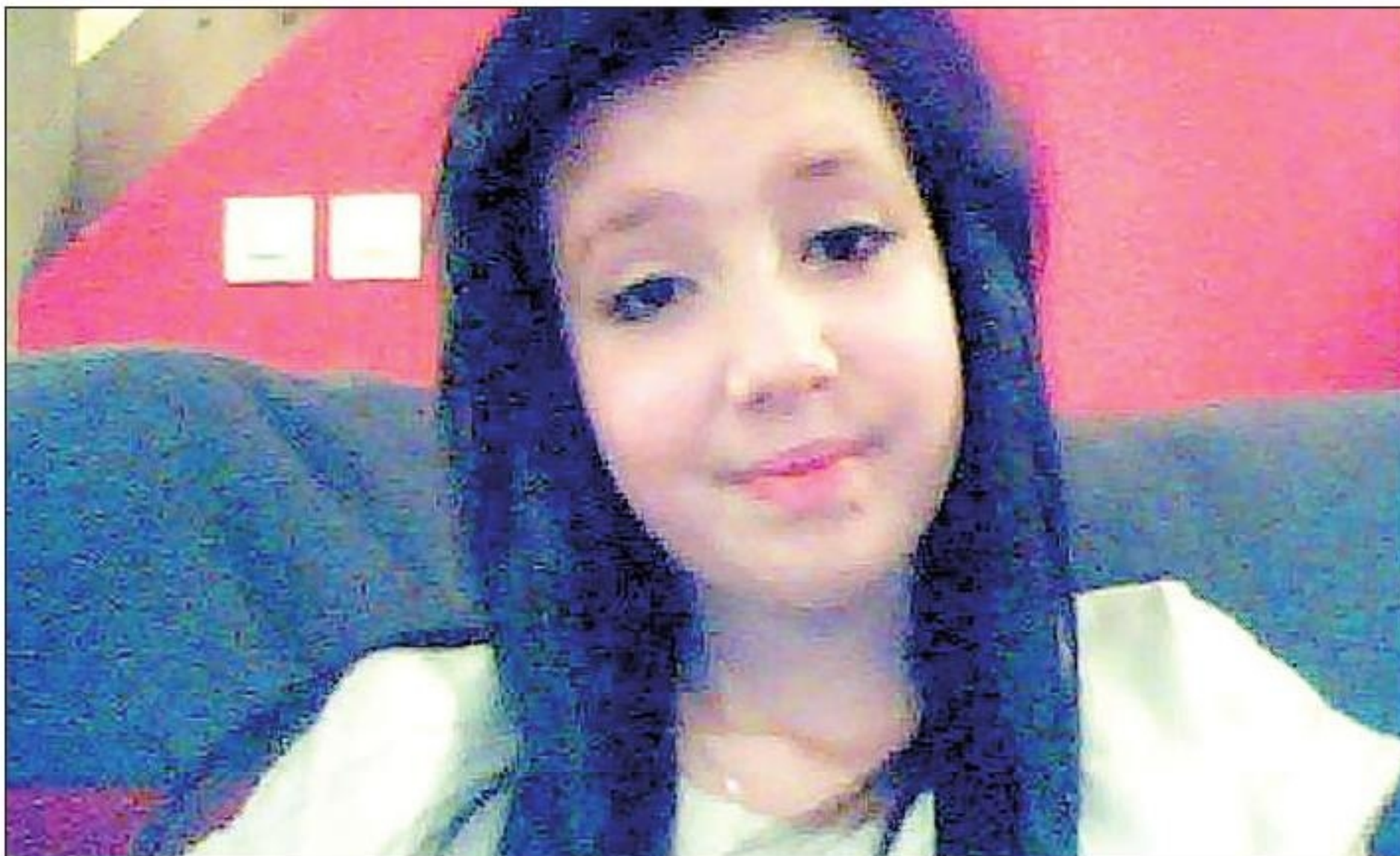
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THIRD ARREST IN JAYDEN CASE

Woman bailed as investigation into teen's death continues



• The body of Jayden Parkinson was found in the Great Western cemetery on December 18

A WOMAN from Didcot, who was arrested earlier this week by police investigating the murder of teenager Jayden Parkinson, has been released on bail.

Thames Valley Police arrested a 48-year-old female on Tuesday morning on suspicion of perverting the course of justice.

Jayden's body was found in an established grave in the Great Western Cemetery next to All Saints Church, Didcot, on December 18 last year.

Ben Blakeley, 22, from Reading, has been charged with Jayden's murder.

He is due to appear at Oxford Crown Court for a plea hearing on March 17.

A 17-year-old boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, is also charged with perverting the course of justice.

Jayden, 17, went missing on December 3 after last being seen leaving 1 Foot Forward in Iffley

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Road, Oxford.

At the time, Thames Valley Police became "increasingly concerned" for her welfare and urged anyone with information to come forward.

However, Jayden's disappearance soon became a murder investigation, which saw officers searching derelict buildings near to Upton as well as Lydalls Road, Didcot.

The teenager's body was found in the grave on December 18 and her body was formally identified two days later.

A post-mortem found the cause of death to be inconclusive and Det Ch Supt Andy Murray said, at the time, that her family "remain heartbroken" and "devastated".

Results of a further toxicology report have yet to be disclosed.

Earlier this month, hundreds of people attended Jayden's funeral in her hometown of Folkestone, Kent.

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Rogue trader tries to con pensioner

A DECORATOR has been given a suspended prison sentence after trying to fleece a pensioner out of £2,500 for shoddy paint work to the victim's house.

Dean Welch, of Red Bridge Hollow, was sentenced to seven months in prison, suspended for two years and given a 12-month supervision order at Oxford Crown Court on Monday.

The case was brought by Oxfordshire County Council's Trading Standards team, after they were contacted by the 78-year-old pensioner.

Welch's work at the victim's home in Ambleside Drive was deemed to be of such a poor stand-

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ard by a surveyor that it had no value whatsoever.

On June 27, 2012, a man approached the pensioner as he was walking home and offered him a lift, and then said he would paint the outside of his house for £2,500.

Work began the following day and money was demanded on June 29, despite the project being unfinished. The job was then transferred to Welch, who supplied a new invoice.

The pensioner left his house

early on June 30 as he was worried he would be taken to a bank by Welch to withdraw cash, and was taken home by police after suffering a fall.

He then told the officer about the job, who became concerned due to the poor quality of the work.

One of the workmen then contacted the pensioner and offered a £100 discount if he didn't call Trading Standards, at which time he then did so.

Richard Webb, head of Trading Standards for the county council, said: "This case is an example of a trader preying on a vulnerable person, who then became intimidated with the tactics that

were used.

"The judge recognised the seriousness of the offence and has imposed a suspended custodial sentence, as well as a supervision order.

"As the surveyor's assessment showed, the standard of work done by Welch was so poor that it was worth nothing, yet he tried to extract £2,500 for what essentially was a simple paint job.

"Obviously we are delighted with this conviction and I hope that it acts as a deterrent to anybody else who might be thinking of trying to con residents out of money by doing low quality decoration work."

Entrepreneurs net £23,000 funding boost

REPRESENTATIVES from four projects have secured a total of £23,000 of funding, following the Oxford Brookes Social Entrepreneur Awards (OBSEA) this month.

Projects were chosen through a Dragons' Den pitch event, one of the judges being London 2012 gold medallist rower Katherine Grainger.

Mona Sakr of The Knowledge Project was awarded £9,000, Glenda Huish of Bramble Verbi-

age and Jordon Maynard-Daley or Arts Excite each received £5,000, and Danny Newcombe and Will Roberts of Boing were given £4,000.

OBSEA programme lead Roberto Daniele was pleased with the event, and said: "Our annual Dragons' Den event is the highlight of the OBSEA programme and once more we have been impressed by the calibre of ideas presented.

"Our applicants are passion-

ate and determined people who are keen to explore the potential of social entrepreneurship, and brave enough to take that first step.

"Oxford Brookes has a key role to play in supporting these developing social entrepreneurs, who will hopefully go on to become future change-makers in Oxford, the UK, or potentially across the world."

Project co-ordinator Jeff Willmore added: "Our awards

presentation honoured all our winners from this year and was a real celebration of achievement.

"We're already looking forward to next year, when we hope to open up the OBSEA programme to the wider community."

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• Glenda Huish makes her pitch at the Oxford Brookes Social Entrepreneur Awards

Scientists identify 'brain sleep trigger' switch

RESEARCHERS at Oxford University have identified the switch in the brain that triggers sleep, it was announced last week.

A handful of sleep-promoting neurons in the brain begin to fire when a person is tired and needs sleep, and dampen down when fully rested.

Although the research was carried out on fruit flies, the scientists from the university's Centre for Neural Circuits and Behaviour believe the sleep

mechanism is likely to be relevant to humans.

Professor Gero Miesenböck said: "When you're tired, these neurons in the brain shout loud and they send you to sleep.

"What makes us go to sleep at night is probably a combination of two mechanisms. The body clock says it's the right time, and the sleep switch has built up pressure during a long waking day."

One of the study's lead authors Dr Jeffrey Donlea said: "We

discovered mutant flies that couldn't catch up on their lost sleep after they had been kept awake all night."

Fellow lead author Dr Diogo Pimental added: "The big question now is to figure out what internal signal the sleep switch responds to.

"If we knew what happens in the brain during waking that requires sleep to reset, we might get closer to solving the mystery of why all animals need to sleep."

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Residents to have say on updated Local Plan

RESIDENTS are being urged to have their say on an updated Local Plan that could see more homes built in and around Didcot by 2031.

Since an early draft of the Vale of White Horse District Council's local plan, Oxford-

shire's authorities have worked

together to commission an up-to-date assessment of the housing market.

This Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) identifies a need for up to 20,560 new homes in the Vale between 2011 and 2031.

To meet this target, the district council must find new sites for about 7,430 more homes than were initially proposed in last year's draft plan.

It could see an extra 400 homes built at Valley Park, Didcot - on top of the 2,150 that were initially planned.

The draft plan also allocates 1,400 homes at Milton Heights, 1,400 at East Harwell Campus as well as 220 at East Sutton Cour-

tenay and 200 west of Harwell.

Cllr Matthew Barber, leader of VWHDC, said: "There's no escaping the challenges we have to face and we are going to have to make some difficult decisions to meet the housing target we are set."

"Our number one priority is to regain control of planning matters in the Vale, but we need residents and businesses in the district to help us do that in the

best way we can.

"We're urging everybody to read the update document, attend one of the exhibitions or public meetings, and give us their views."

A series of public meetings will be held while feedback forms can be found at council offices and public libraries. Comments can be submitted until April 4 and for more information, visit www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk.



Town centre to get in a swirl



• Artists impression of 'The Swirl'

A NEW sculpture that will become the centre piece of the Orchard Centre will be installed next month.

On March 13, 'The Swirl' will be lowered by crane into place at the top of the shopping centre's amphitheatre steps.

The sculpture is derived from the idea of peeling the skin of an apple and is the brainchild of artist Maria Rosa Kramer.

"I'm really excited about the imminent arrival of 'The Swirl'," said Ms Kramer.

"I love Didcot and it's a huge privilege for me that this sculpture is coming here and hopefully enhancing this wonderful town."

Cllr Bill Service, cabinet member for Leisure at South Oxfordshire District Council, added: "I am really looking forward to seeing 'The Swirl'

standing tall in place at the Orchard Centre.

"Having a centre piece public art like this helps to give a place identity and make it really stand out from the other town centres around the county and beyond."

Ms Kramer will also be at the Orchard Centre on March 22 to answer any questions that members of the public have about the sculpture.

Youth to benefit from £3k grant



• (From left to right) Youngsters Ciara Westley and Kyle Dann with programme manager Gary Hibbins and youth worker Roxy Elford

DAMASCUS youth project, based at Milton Park, near Didcot, has received a £3,000 grant to help them to continue making a difference in local communities.

The grant from Sovereign Housing Association's Regional Panel will help Damascus set up 'Intergenerational Community Action Teams' in villages between Didcot and Abingdon.

Damascus, which runs youth clubs in Drayton, Applford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon, attended an event in Abingdon on February 8 to explain how they would use the grant.

Gary Hibbins, programme manager at Damascus, said:

"This money is really going to make a huge difference at a grass roots level."

"The young people are thrilled we got the funding and we are confident we can build on the strong community foundations the project has already laid."

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Applications

ORGANISATIONS in Didcot have the opportunity to apply for up to £100,000 to help improve buildings or buy new equipment.

Any community-based organisation, including parish and town councils, may apply for funding from South Oxfordshire District Council's Communities Capital Grant Scheme.

Organisations are being encouraged to attend a workshop, to be held on March 11 at the SODC offices in Crowmarsh. The scheme closes on April 23.

Stay safe

A NEW 'Wig Wag' crossing has been installed at Foxhall Road to make life safer for families with young children.

More than £3,000 has been spent on installing special programmable safety beacons and lowered kerbs to aid crossing for children at Manor Primary School.

In the pipeline

RESPONSES are still being considered with regard to a planning application for an Aldi store on Lower Broadway.

SODC had initially set February 24 as a target decision date.

A spokesperson said: "This application has not yet been determined. It is likely to be referred to the Planning Committee in due course; and we are not in a position to make a recommendation yet as the consultation responses are still being considered."

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The total seized is currently £1,009,356.78, which includes cash or assets, such as houses or cars.

Det Insp Gavin Tyrrell, head of the ECU, said: "When the police find someone with over £1,000 in cash and we suspect it has come from crime or is going to fund crime, the Proceeds of Crime Act allows us to seize it."

"Once the cash has been seized, financial investigators in the ECU carry out in-depth investigations into the finances of the individual who had the cash to prove its' derivation."

"If there is evidence to suggest on the balance of probabilities that it came from crime or was to be used in crime, a forfeiture order application will be made to a magistrates' court."

"If the magistrates are satisfied that the cash is a product of criminal activity, it will be forfeited."

Forfeited cash goes to central government, with 50 per cent of money being returned to the police force who obtained the order.

Duo arrested after Littlemore robbery

By Jack Johnson

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A MAN remains in police custody today while another has been bailed in connection with the robbery of a newsagents in Littlemore last Sunday.

A 34-year-old man is still being quizzed by Thames Valley Police while a 23-year-old has been bailed until April 30.

Officers are still investigating the incident which happened at around 12.30pm on February 23.

Two men entered the newsagents, one armed with a large knife, and demanded the shopkeeper to hand over the contents of the till.

An altercation followed, between both offenders and the shopkeeper, during which the latter was injured.

He received injuries to his forearm and knee and was taken to hospital by ambulance for treatment.

The two offenders left the shop on bicycles, taking the till with them.

Supt Christian Bunt, LPA Commander for Oxford, said: "We are following a number of



• Littlemore News, where the robbery took place

active lines of inquiry and have had some good leads meaning that the investigation is progressing well.

"I would also like to reassure local businesses and residents we have a number of CID and uniformed officers working on this investigation."

"Additional patrols have been

put in place in the local area and I would encourage any residents who have concerns to approach our officers with them."

Thames Valley Police is asking anyone who may have witnessed the robbery or with any information that can help with enquiries to call 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Death crash referred to commission

A FATAL collision on the A34 last Friday has been referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC).

The two-vehicle smash happened at just before 3am, resulting in the death of a lorry driver and tailbacks through to Oxford.

Officers received a report that a dead badger was obstructing the southbound carriageway of the A34 near the Marcham Interchange.

However, as traffic was slowed down to remove the animal, a lorry collided with another vehicle.

The lorry driver was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford but died of his injuries.

After the matter was initially discussed with the IPCC, Thames Valley Police confirmed that it would be officially referred to the commission.

The southbound carriageway was closed between the Marcham and Milton Interchange after the incident, but re-opened earlier that day.

Thames Valley Police is now appealing for witnesses to the incident.

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Cloudy2Clear service Oxfordshire from their local depots and Josh is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal

satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much

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PM switches on faster broadband for village



• Cllr Ian Hudspeth, David Cameron MP and Bill Murphy, BT's managing director, at the switch on event last Friday

PRIME Minister and Witney MP David Cameron has welcomed faster broadband for Alvescot by switching on the village's new 'Better Broadband' cabinet.

Alvescot homes and businesses are among the first in the county to benefit from the £25million Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme.

The scheme aims for at least 90 per cent of all premises in Oxfordshire to have access to

broadband speeds of 24Mbps and above by the end of 2015.

Mr Cameron said: "The switching on of the first tranche of superfast cabinets marks the start of a remarkable transformation of broadband throughout Oxfordshire."

"The UK already does more business online than any other European country and widespread access to superfast speeds will provide a welcome boost to Oxfordshire's

economy."

County council leader Ian Hudspeth said: "The county council, through the Better Broadband project, is ensuring that Oxfordshire has the capability to prosper economically."

"I am really excited to be involved in this switch on as it means that people in the village can take advantage of faster Internet speeds and all the benefits that come with it."

A LIFE-SAVING dog that detects the blood sugar levels of a young Bicester boy suffering from diabetes has made the final of the prestigious Friends for Life competition at Crufts 2014.

Before Molls, a cocker spaniel, came along, Steven Courtney's mother Serena used to sit hopelessly next to her 11-year-old son's bed trying to figure out if he was in mortal danger.

She had become obsessed with numbers, but now that Molls is in their lives mum rests easy, knowing her son has a canine guardian angel.

Steven, who suffers from type 1 diabetes, used to constantly worry about the glucose levels in his blood but he can now relax and enjoy doing regular things because of Molls' super snout.

Molls alerts to hypo's and hyperglycaemia (dangerously low and high blood sugar levels) during day and night, helping Steven stay safe and enabling him to live life to the full.

"Having Molls by my side means that I can relax and be a lot more confident," Steven said.

"She jumps up and licks me when my levels are too high or low and I don't know what I would do without her."

By James Booker

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"I loved her straight away and she's my best friend. We do everything together."

"Molls saves my life every day and having her means that my mum doesn't worry as much anymore."

"She sleeps at the end of my bed so that if something happens in the middle of the night I will know."

The Friends for Life competition celebrates the heartwarming stories of friendship in adversity, where dogs have truly earned the title of man's best friend, through bravery, support or companionship.

The Kennel Club, which runs Crufts, named Molls as one of their five finalists for the Friends for Life competition and the public can vote for the guide dog to win by calling 0844 646 0201.

The winner will be announced on Sunday, March 9, alongside thousands of happy, healthy dogs in the main arena at Birmingham's NEC, with the trophy presented by Chris Amoo, dog lover and '70s pop star with the band The Real Thing.

Safe strikes in the Vale

A 25-YEAR-OLD man has been charged in connection with the robbery of a fast food restaurant in Botley earlier this week.

Officers were called to McDonalds on Botley Road shortly after 6am on Tuesday morning.

Two other men, aged 19 and 18, from Oxford, have also been arrested and are currently in custody.

The men threatened staff and demanded money before leaving the restaurant in a white Seat in the direction of the A34.

Thames Valley Police say the incident is "very unusual".

Det Con Arran Cliff said: "I am keen to hear from anyone who may have seen these men fleeing the scene and can provide us with details about their movements."

There have been similar incidents across the South and Vale.

Between February 22 and 23, a safe was stolen from a business in Bath Street, Abingdon, while cash was stolen from a business on Shrivenham High Street between February 19 and 20. A safe was also stolen from a business on the Faringdon Road, Shrivenham on February 20.

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Teen's death 'was preventable'

THE death of a teenager who suffered from learning difficulties and was being cared for at a Headington in-patient unit was "preventable", a report has concluded.

Connor Sparrowhawk, 18, who had Klinefelter's syndrome, was found submerged in a bath at Slade House on July 4 last year, and died in hospital shortly afterwards.

MP's Corner

Nicola Blackwood

MP for Oxford West and Abingdon



Part of a bigger City Deal

AFTER months of lobbying Ministers in Westminster, I was delighted to join the Chancellor at Begbroke Science Park in January where he announced nearly £70m of science investment in four new innovation hubs at Begbroke, Harwell, Culham and Headington.

This investment is part of a bigger 'City Deal' for Oxfordshire. In total, £55m of central government funding for innovation, transport and skills will be combined with £40m from local authorities to bring in over £600m from industry. It will create more than 18,000 long term jobs and more than 30,000 construction jobs during the development period. Central to the plan are improvements to the A34 and A44 to ease traffic problems, better access to business advice for start ups, new housing and 500 more apprenticeships.

At last economic signs are encouraging nationally and locally; the latest GDP figures show the fastest growth since 2007, unemployment in Oxford West and Abingdon has fallen 43 per cent and youth unemployment by 64.4 per cent

since 2009 and for the last two years running Oxfordshire has had the greatest number of Apprentice starts in the country and Oxford has had the highest number of business start ups this quarter. However, there are still many challenges facing local business owners and families as the economy starts to right itself and that is why this City Deal is so important for our local community.

This investment is not only a great vote of confidence in our local innovation economy, which is already world leading in many fields, but it is also the first step in fulfilling our economic potential. Oxfordshire has the capacity to be an innovation powerhouse for Britain but to achieve that we also need the investment in our physical and digital infrastructure. Our City Deal isn't just £1bn of investment in our roads, housing, skills and innovation - it is about having a long term vision for our local economy. Local leaders from all political parties, from business, and from academia working together to make it happen.

By Adam Flinn

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A post-mortem showed that he died as a result of drowning, likely to have been caused by an epileptic seizure.

The report concluded that Connor's death was "preventable", and found "two broad areas with significant failings in the care and treatment of Connor; his epilepsy care and the overall care provided by the unit".

It also criticised an agreement made by staff to undertake 15-minute observations of his baths, which it claimed were "unsafe and failed to safeguard

Connor".

This report by external company Verita follows an inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), which said the unit was non-compliant with a number of standards.

Slade House has been closed to new admissions since the CQC report.

Katrina Percy, chief executive of Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust, said: "I am deeply sorry that Connor died whilst in our care and that we failed to undertake the necessary actions required to keep him safe."

"We are wholly committed to learning from this tragedy in order to prevent it from hap-

pening again, and I would like to apologise unreservedly to Connor's family.

"The unit remains closed to admissions whilst we work with our commissioners to design a new model of care for learning disability patients in the Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Swindon areas.

"A number of actions were taken soon after Connor's death and also following the CQC inspection.

"We will now look to ensure the overarching action plan also includes all the recommendations and findings from the Verita investigation report so that we can provide the best possible

care to our patients.

"We will continue to make improvements to our services where necessary until we are assured that we are offering the highest quality service to those in our care and that we continue to do so."

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Work underway for over 100 new homes in Oxford

OXFORD is set for two large housing developments as part of a programme to deliver 113 new homes across the city.

Work on 48 new homes at Minchery Farm, Littlemore, and 49 modern sheltered housing flats to replace old buildings at Bra-

dlands, Marston begun earlier this week.

There will also be a 16-home redevelopment at three smaller sites at Bury Knowle in Headington, Cardinal Close in Littlemore, and Leiden Road in Wood Farm.

Work will take around 12 months to complete and Oxford City Council say the developments will be ready for occupation in March 2015.

By Jack Johnson

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The Bradlands redevelopment will offer older people modern sheltered housing, with walk in shower rooms, individual heating systems and communal facilities.

The scheme in Minchery Farm will see 48 affordable family homes being built and will pro-

vide a mix of flats and two, three and four bedroom homes.

Cllr Scott Seamons, board member for Housing, said: "This is an exciting time in Oxford.

"We need suitable council houses for our residents and these two sites will provide excellent modern housing that is suitable for today's residents.

"The council is committed to providing more affordable housing to meet housing need

in Oxford."

More than £2.4million has been provided by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) to support the five schemes through the Affordable Homes Programme.

Oxford City Council is also contributing more than £17million of its own funds to the programme.

Lucy Atkins, HCA area manager, added: "Through our work to support the provision of new

and affordable homes across England, we know how important projects like Bradlands and Minchery Farm are to local communities.

"Our investment has helped provide new and improved affordable homes for people of all ages in high demand in Oxford.

"Partners have worked hard to get the projects to this stage. It's great to see that their efforts are making a difference."

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Uni students saddle up for sustainability

BROOKES students will take to their bikes tomorrow evening to power a short film, all in aid of Sustainability Week.

Thankfully, the documentary 'Do the Math' is a short one and is all part of Oxford Brookes' tenth year since becoming the world's first Fairtrade University.

Brookes' Sustainability Team has organised a number of events for this week, with five themed days.

Focus is on water, transport, food, energy and waste.

Earlier this week, students took part in water day.

This involved water tasting tests at Gypsy Lane and a documentary about the safety of tap water.

On Tuesday it was all about transport while yesterday there was a farmers and fair-trade market in the John Henry Brooks building for food day.

Today marks waste day which will see the collection of clothes and accessories in exchange for tokens.

And tomorrow is energy day, hence the bike powered screening of 'Do the Math'.

For more information visit www.brookes.ac.uk.

University professor is a woman with heart



• Professor Barbara Casadei

A PROFESSOR from Oxford University has been recognised by the British Heart Foundation (BHF) for her contribution to helping heart patients.

Prof Barbara Casadei, a researcher on heart rhythm

disorders, has been named a 'Woman With Heart' by BHF.

She is now among ten nominees to determine the nation's favourite 'Woman With Heart'.

The winner will be announced

to coincide with International Women's Day on March 8.

As well as being a heart doctor at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Prof Casadei also pioneers research to improve our understanding of atrial fibrillation.

Her work could lead to new treatments for people affected by this condition, which greatly increases the risk of heart failure and stroke.

Prof Casadei said: "The BHF funds my work but it's lovely to

be recognised in this way too. "I hope women will aim high and be fearless career-wise, and look after their own heart health too."

Nominations close on March 3.

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Man attacked with spirit level at Lidl

A MAN suffered a broken arm after being hit with a spirit level in a supermarket car park on February 7.

The 46-year-old was in the Lidl supermarket car park on Watlington Road, Oxford, between 6.15pm and 6.30pm, when he became involved in an argument with another man.

During the argument, the offender struck the victim with a spirit level, which he took out of a Peugeot van.

The offender is white, in his late 20s to early 30s, of average build, with short hair and clean shaven.

Thames Valley Police is now appealing for information with regard to the incident.

If you know anything about it contact Det Con Tom Mansfield on 101.

Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Homes and businesses set for greener heating

A NEW grant could see homes and business within Oxford receiving more efficient, low carbon heating.

Oxford City Council has been granted £17,000 from the Department of Energy and Climate Change towards a £25,000 project to explore the potential of heat networks.

The news follows last month's OxFutures event which set out a vision to position the county at the forefront of low carbon innovation.

Oxford is one of 26 local authorities across England and Wales that have been awarded a total of over £1.9million to support the development of heat network projects.

This is designed to provide more efficient heat to buildings and potentially lower bills through the Government's Heat Networks Delivery Unit.

Cllr John Tanner, board member for a Cleaner, Greener Oxford, said: "I'm thrilled that once again Oxford has attracted funding to develop forward thinking energy projects in our city."

"Heat networks have the potential of providing reliable and affordable heat with lower carbon emissions for our house-

By Jack Johnson

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holders and businesses which is great news.

"We need projects like this to help meet our city's carbon reduction target of 40 per cent by 2020."

The project will look at the potential for Oxford and what can be done in specific areas of the city.

It could mean connecting council owned buildings to allow more efficient generation of heat from large scale boilers, fuelled by gas or wood chip.

The aim would then be to build on this by connecting other local buildings to this efficient system.

Last month's OxFutures event announced the aim of attracting £400m in low carbon and renewable projects by 2020.

OxFutures is a partnership between the city and county council with the Low Carbon Hub.



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'Ambulances on two wheels' set for Oxon



• Cycle responders can get to people in need more easily at large events

A TEAM of first aiders who respond on bicycles are being trained across the county, in order to quickly get to those in need at large events.

The St John Ambulance Cycle Responders will be present at festivals and other events that cover a large area that make it difficult for vehicles to get to a casualty.

Each cycle responder is equipped with a mountain bike and equipment to make it

effectively a mini ambulance on two wheels.

South east regional operational cycling officer Peter Leach said: "We already have a small team of cycle responders but there aren't enough to cover the events for which we receive requests."

"Each bike carries a huge variety of equipment from bandages and aspirin to oxygen and an Automatic External Defibrillator, which is also used

to restart people's hearts.

"We are always looking for new volunteers who want to be trained in this role."

"People who have a reasonable level of fitness and are already comfortable on a bike, and who would like to learn how to be the difference between a life lost and a life saved, can apply."

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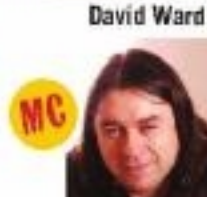
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Councillor's Column

Cllr Bob Price

Leader of Oxford City Council



The impact of budget cuts

FEBRUARY is budget time for local Councils up and down the country, and this year has seen a dramatic acceleration in the impact of the cuts imposed on councils by the Coalition Government.

By the end of this year, they will have lost over 40 per cent of central grant on average. The only way of saving such huge sums is to cut services to local residents. Oxfordshire County Council has budgeted to cut £7m from care services for the elderly, £6m from children's services, £2.5m from public health and £11m from roads and the environment.

These are all services that are of particular importance for the most disadvantaged people in our community and the quality of life for many people will suffer terribly as a consequence. Further down the track, the cut in the budget that supports homeless people will lead inevitably to more people on the streets suffering from mental health, alcohol and drug related problems without the rescue and support systems that are needed.

In cities, like Birmingham, Newcastle, Doncaster, Nottingham, and in many parts of London, local councils are faced with making hundreds, and sometimes thousands, of their staff redundant, adding

further to the dole queues and to cuts in living standards. The new Cardinal Nichols, and 26 Church of England bishops have spoken out this last month against the effects of the Coalition's cuts in social security and housing support. They have drawn attention particularly to the massive growth in the number of food banks and people having to rely on the banks to feed themselves and their families. A report last week showed that more of families cannot afford to buy sufficient food because of rising food prices, low incomes and benefits cuts.

What a contrast with the world of high finance – the very bankers whose misjudgments caused the world financial crisis and the worst recession in living memory. Barclays Bank will give out £2.4bn in bonuses this year despite their profits being down by a third; and the banks are aiming to get round the EU cap on bonus payments by dishing out free shares instead. There is clearly something rotten about a system which forces local councils, against their will, to cut essential services for the least advantaged groups in our community in order to reduce government spending, while the people who caused the crisis continue to prosper.

More awards for dog charity

By Jack Johnson

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BANBURY-BASED Dogs for the Disabled has been chosen as Countrywide Farmers' charity of the year.

The charity, which relies entirely on donations, helps to create partnerships between people living with a disability or families with a child with autism and specially trained dogs.

Assistance dogs help to give disabled people a reason to go out and give them a new found confidence.

Peter Gorbings, chief executive of Dogs for the Disabled, says the support of Countrywide Farmers, a rural retailer, will make a real difference.

"We're thrilled that Countrywide has decided to support Dogs for the Disabled as its charity of the year and its staff fundraising will make a real difference," he said.

"Dogs for the Disabled receives no government funding and relies entirely on donations to continue its work.

"We will train 50 new assistance dogs in 2014, but with over 2,000 enquiries each year there



• (From left to right) Cathryn Simpson, corporate partnerships manager, and Amy Ashton, trainer (both from Dogs for the Disabled), with Sonic the Labrador, and Hollie Clarke and Celia Matthews from Countrywide

are many more people we could help."

John Hardman, CEO of Countrywide Farmers, added: "Dogs for the Disabled is a wonderful charity, transforming the lives of many disabled individuals."

Meanwhile, Dogs for the Disabled's assistance dog Velvet and owner Lottie Wilcocks are finalists in the 2014 Crufts Friends for Life competition.

Velvet, a Labrador, helps 12-year-old Lottie, who has spina

bifida and hydrocephalus, with practical tasks and allows her to come home alone from school like her classmates.

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News Bites

Drug charges

A 36-YEAR-OLD man from Ambrosden was charged with drug related offences at Oxford Magistrates' Court on February 18.

The man was arrested after a warrant was executed at his home in Birch Road, and charged with intent to supply and permitting his premises to be used to supply heroin and crack cocaine.

Trio arrested

THREE men have been arrested after two people were kicked to the floor and had their faces stamped on in Burford earlier this month. The victims, aged 33 and 47, were attacked while walking along High Street on February 13 and required hospital treatment for facial cuts and lost teeth.

Two men from Staffordshire and a man from Derbyshire were arrested the following day, and bailed until April 11.

Mac stolen

AN APPLE Mac computer was stolen from a South Oxfordshire home following a burglary on Saturday.

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Oxon's young job seekers boosted



• Students from Oxfordshire schools at "Talent Factory" – a joint programme between Unipart and Oxford United that encourages 14-16 year olds into careers in logistics.

OXFORD-BASED leading manufacturing, logistics and consultancy group, Unipart, is to launch a new programme aimed at equipping young job seekers with skills for work.

The programme, called Unipart Inspires, brings together work experience with training in job hunting skills such as interview practice, CV writing and using social media to search for jobs.

Over nine weeks, Unipart people will work with groups of young job seekers, initially delivering training such as interview practice and CV writing to improve job-seeking skills and levels of self-awareness.

By Iain Nicholson

Attendees will then move on to a two-week work experience placement. For those individuals with clear career aspirations, Unipart will tailor the work experience accordingly. Those who are less certain will be offered the opportunity to spend time across a wide range of departments.

While on site, attendees will be paired with a mentor who will continue to work with them for a further six weeks to offer practical help and support as well as guidance and encouragement. The programme is designed

to enable young, unemployed people to build confidence and develop the right skills and attitudes for the world of work. It also provides development opportunities for Unipart employees by engaging them in coaching and mentoring activities.

Where suitable vacancies arise in Unipart, programme participants will be encouraged to apply for roles that best match their skills and career ambitions. A pilot programme will be run in the Spring in conjunction with Oxford Job Centre. This will be followed by a national roll out across other Unipart sites through 2014.

"Often, one of the

greatest challenges for young people seeking a job is the ability to get valuable, relevant work experience," said Unipart Chairman and Group Chief Executive, John Neill. "Unipart has a long track record of working with our community partners to help people find their way into work. Many of the people who participated in these programme went on to find good jobs, some even joined our company. We believe that the Inspire Programme will provide a similar opportunity for young people so that we can raise their skills, aspirations and confidence and, ultimately, help them to succeed in good careers."

Business Matters

Guest columnist Neil Wild



The experiment of the pop-up shop

IN this month's guest column, Neil Wild, of Wild Property Consultancy and co-founder of Flashop UK, reflects on how the traditional landlord-tenant property model is no longer fit for purpose in town centre high streets.

In my experience there are many fledgling retailers keen to secure a unit on the local high street but the traditional landlord-tenant model is failing them. For example, last week an interested start up retailer enquired on a suitable property only to be rebuffed by the landlord's agent. For the retailer the suggestion of a five to 10-year lease commitment was out of the question. The opportunity passes by because the traditional lease model insists on a long term commitment. For the retailer this is an unrealistic proposition. Sadly such opportunities are lost every day on high streets up and down our land.

In Wantage and Bicester I have been experimenting with an alter-

native model: the pop up shop, which is increasingly being seen as a valuable part of town vitality projects nationally. It works where each interested retailer commits and pays rent for between one day and up to six months. The rare to be able to take a high street shop for such a short period of time. For an enterprise that does it's a fantastic opportunity to launch their concept in the high street of their choice. For the landlord they are receiving rent and have a property contributing positively to the high street offer.

Thanks to the landlords for being flexible enough to release their shops for pop up use - I believe it's a model that works and my colleagues and I are seeking opportunities to put this new more flexible form of landlord-tenant relationship to the test in other town centres in the county.

Neil Wild can be contacted on neil@wild-property.co.uk.

Employers: get down to Woodstock next month

EMPLOYERS with an apprenticeship to offer, or needing to know more about how they work, are being invited to an event in Woodstock next month. The Marlborough School in Woodstock is hosting the Apprenticeship Event from 6pm on Thursday March 27, with Oxfordshire County Council and The National Apprenticeship Service advisors on hand to offer information and guidance. It's also a chance to talk to students about employment opportunities, and explore financial arrangements around the apprenticeship programme. For more details, contact Sharon Whittaker via: swhi8233@marlborough.ocnmail.net.

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Ghost 'speaks to audiences'

Duo set to entertain

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The Lancashire-based duo will entertain crowds with music, anecdotes and fun.

Tickets cost £8 and £12, with a buffet, and are available from Vickery's hardware in Drayton or call 01235 531180.

Show starts at 7.30pm.

Get set to see Room 94

NORTH London pop/rock four piece Room 94 are hitting the O2 Academy on Saturday as part of their UK tour.

It follows the release of their debut studio album 'No Strings Attached'.

Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £8.

By Adam Flinn

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WEST End hit show Ghost the Musical is at Oxford's New Theatre until March 8, as it embarks on a national tour.

Based on the Oscar-winning film, the story of Ghost is well known as a timeless fantasy about the power of love, which starred Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Tony Goldwyn and Whoopi Goldberg.

It followed Sam, who is trapped as a ghost between this world and the next, trying to communicate with girlfriend Molly through a phoney psychic in the hope of saving her from his murderer.

Bruce Joel Rubin adapted his movie screenplay for this stage production, and he said: "When we opened in Manchester, I didn't know what to expect.

"At the end of the performance, there was a level of response which I'd never experienced - people stamping their feet, whistling and cheering.

"Something in Ghost the



• The cast of Ghost the Musical, now at the New Theatre (Picture by Sean Ebsworth Barnes)

Musical speaks to the audience. They laugh, they cry and in the transfer from screen to stage musical, I think that the story has deepened emotionally."

Director Matthew Warchus added: "Ghost the Musical has individual episodes involving only Sam and Molly, while the story progresses through the actions of the chorus.

"You could do Ghost the Musical with a cast of only five people, but for me the story is not simply about death, it also deals with life in the city, life in the offices, on the streets.

"When Ghost the Musical opened, I was criticised for including songs in the show that didn't advance the action, as they are supposed to do.

"But I didn't want them to advance the action. In this job, you are often criticised for not doing what you never intended to do in the first place!"

The show is running until March 8. For more information about show times and ticket prices, call 0844 871 3020 or go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk.

Lots of synergy

SYNERGY Variety Troupe will be raising money for an Oxford charity when they perform at Cunnor Village Hall this Saturday.

The dance troupe will perform 'Showcase Spectacular' for the benefit of disabled sailing group Oxford Sailability.

Synergy will perform choreography from Herman's Hermits, Andy Williams and Grease.

Tickets are priced at £7 for adults and £5 for children. Call 01865 864785.

Access all arias

FIVE Oxford University students have the chance to perform their moment of opera, an aria, this evening at Oxford Playhouse.

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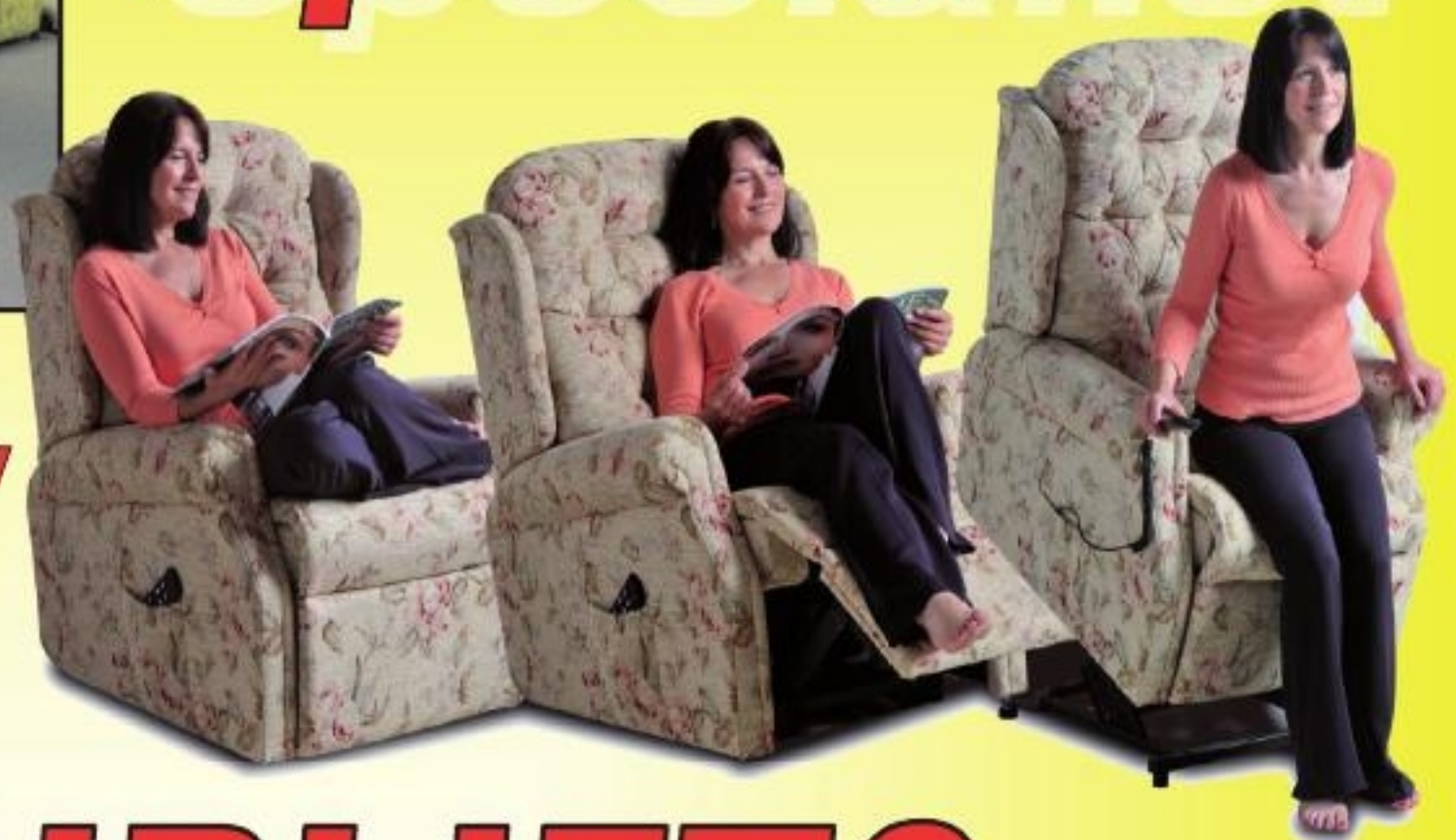
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In the family

Ray Cooney's 'It Runs In The Family' comes to Thame's Players Theatre next week.

It tells the story of Dr David Mortimore who frantically tries to hide the news of his illegitimate son from his wife.

This results in comic events, including a wandering senile patient and the invention of two non-existent husbands for his old flame.

Tickets are £9 and can be bought through the box office on 01844 217228. Show starts at 7.45pm.

By Adam Flinn

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THE story of a grandfather who has to give up his model railway and pass it on to his granddaughter comes to the North Wall Arts Centre in a new children's show on Saturday.

Grandpa's Railway follows elderly couple Colin and Nita as they prepare to move house and are packing away their things.

Colin is having trouble packing up his railway, and he soon discovers he won't be able to take it with him to the new house, and has to pass it on to the next generation.

The show is currently on a national tour, and is produced by M6 Theatre Company.

Programme director Gilly Baskeyfield said: "The reaction from children is just of absolute delight."

"Families expect when they take their young children to the theatre, the play's going to be for children."

"But we found with our work that whole families are enjoying the shows, and this one is proving no exception. It really is a family



• Thomas Frere plays Colin and Belinda Lazenby stars as Nita in *Grandpa's Railway*, at the North Wall Arts Centre on Saturday (Picture by Lewis Wileman)

show."

In recent years M6 have focused exclusively on children's theatre, and tend to produce original work rather than adapting shows from books.

Gilly added: "All of our stories are home grown, so we nurture them over long periods."

"I think what attracted us about

this particular story was the fact that trains are captivating for a start, and they and model railways ignite such passion in people."

"But I think there's also something we all find quite magical about a miniature world coming to life."

"We are also very interested in

the cross-generational relationships because young children can learn so much from older generations, and as a society, maybe there's been a lack of due respect to the older generation."

Saturday sees two shows at 11am and 2pm. For more details, go to www.thenorthwall.com.

Tech problems

A farcical riot on all the grief that modern gadgets cause is being staged at the Chipping Norton Theatre from today, continuing until March 12.

Alarms and Excursions was written by the multi award-winning Michael Frayn, and features a series of comic scenarios related to the headaches of the technological age.

A full list of show times and dates can be found by visiting the website: www.chippingnortontheatre.co.uk.

Seann Walsh

Stand-up comedian Seann Walsh is at Banbury's Mill Arts Centre tomorrow evening, as he presents his brand new show.

He is best known for his appearances on 'Stand Up For The Week', 'Live At The Apollo' and 'Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow', and is renowned for his storytelling style. The show starts at 8pm.

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Peta and Keith of Keith Donaghy Hearingcare, based in Witney and Banbury, believe people should treat hearing difficulties as seriously as they would if they had poor eyesight. Keith Donaghy, a qualified hearing aid audiologist for 27 years, travels the length and breadth of the county testing peoples hearing and fitting discreet custom made hearing aids to restore sound to their lives.

The company also offers a comprehensive aftercare service to fine tune and re-adjust the aids to make sure that they are working to the best of their ability and most

specifically for each client's needs. Peta, who also works at both centres, said the joy of their profession is seeing people who have not heard properly for sometimes many years cry with joy at simple things. She said "I think that's why my husband does this job"

Peta says that when people start losing their hearing they should have it tested as soon as possible. If people have regular hearing checks then problems can be detected earlier rather than later which will help in bringing their hearing back to as near normal as possible with an appropriate hearing aid system.

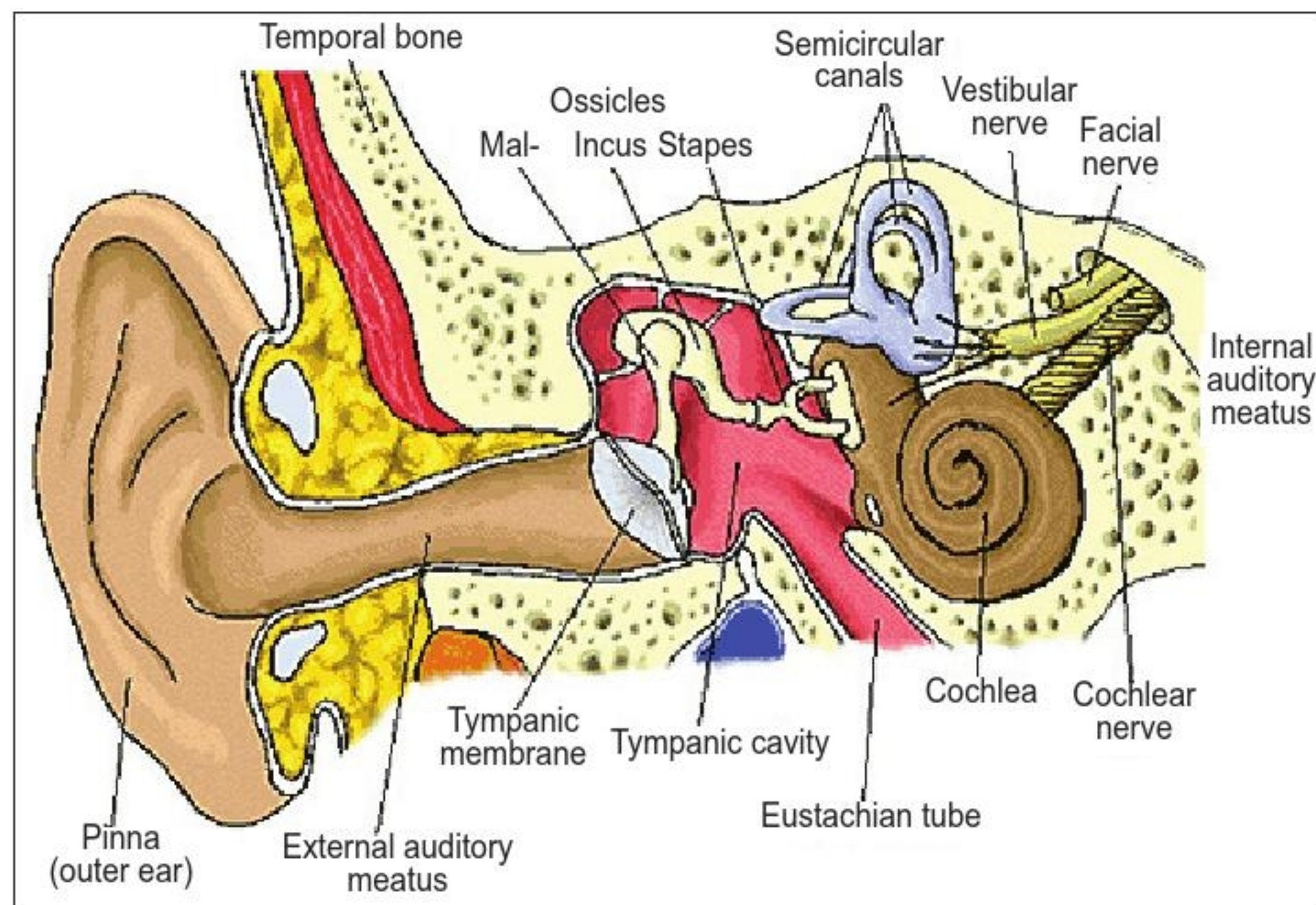
Hearing aids are so efficient now that they can distinguish between background noise and speech, they can enhance speech thereby making it clearly heard whilst controlling the level of background noise. If people started wearing hearing aids as soon as they had a problem then they would adjust more easily to hearing again. If people wait several years after becoming hard of hearing, then the brain takes a lot longer to adjust.



With age related hearing problems the higher frequency sounds deteriorate first making sounds like the telephone, birdsong, and voices muffled and unclear. Keith Donaghy said that being unable to hear properly can have social implications which can leave people reluctant to go out and socialize. People can stop going to church, going to the pub or on trips as they can't hear or understand and are frightened of mishearing people or missing instructions and important information.

Hearing aids can cost anything up to and over £1000.00 but can last for five years or more. Each aid is individually crafted to fit each person's ear perfectly, they have vents which allow the ears to breathe and are hypoallergenic making them very comfortable to wear.

Peta Donaghy warned prospective customers to be careful about online offers and to consider that "you get what you pay for". She said that Keith Donaghy Hearingcare is an independent company and can offer completely impartial advice and an aftercare service that is vital to make sure things run smoothly for the future of the client and their hearing aid system.



Mother's Day feature

Sunday March 30th 2014

Give Mum a morning to savour

IT MAY be the one time of year when mothers get to be waited on by their offspring, so why not start Mothering Sunday as you mean to go on with a lovingly prepared brunch or breakfast in bed?

With Dad taking charge in the kitchen, there are plenty of easy chores the little ones can tackle while Mum gets a well-deserved lie-in. And learning how to cook could have a positive impact on fussy young eaters as well.

Children's cookery expert Annabel Karmel says: "Tasks such as cracking eggs and stirring are well within the capabilities of a young child and it is amazing how being involved in the planning and preparation of a meal can stimulate a child's appetite."

When it comes to cooking with your kids, Karmel recommends picking recipes that lead to quick results as children have short attention spans.

"To start with, choose recipes that are simple enough for your child to make without too much help from you, then you can build up a repertoire of recipes they feel confident doing by themselves," she says.

Karmel's safety tips for cooking with kids

- Always make sure children wash their hands before doing any cooking.
- Never use wet hands to turn on a switch or pull out a plug.
- If they need to stand on a chair to reach the work surface, make sure it's very stable.
- Explain about heat and the dangers of steam, hot pans and hobs.

Now try one of these yummy brunch recipes to make mum smile...

By Diana Pilkington

Devilled mushrooms

(Serves 1)

25g butter
150g chestnut mushrooms, thinly sliced
2-3 drops Worcestershire sauce
~0.5tsp Dijon mustard
3tbsp creme fraiche (low fat is fine)
1 muffin, split and toasted
1tsp fresh chopped parsley (optional)

Melt half the butter in a medium frying pan. Add the mushrooms and saute



over a high heat for 6-8 minutes until the mushrooms are golden. Stir in the Worcestershire sauce and mustard. Remove from the heat and stir in the creme fraiche.

Sit the muffin on a plate, spread with the remaining butter toasted side up, and spoon over the mushrooms. You can sprinkle with a little chopped parsley if you like.

Breakfast bear pancakes

(Serves 1)

125g self-raising flour
1 egg
125ml milk
4tbsp creme fraiche
1tsp vanilla extract
3tbsp maple syrup
20g butter
2tbsp vegetable oil
Fresh fruit, to serve (optional)

Chop up your fruit - thinking about what might work for your pancake bear's ears (banana), eyes (blueberries), arms (strawberries) and feet (kiwi) - be as creative as you like!

Put the flour in a large bowl. Whisk together the egg, milk, creme fraiche, vanilla, maple syrup and a pinch of salt. Add this mixture to the flour and whisk to make a batter (there may be a few small lumps, but don't worry).

Melt the butter in a large non-stick frying pan and tip it into a small bowl.

Mix 1 tablespoon of the melted butter into the batter. Use the rest to grease the pan. Drop 2 tablespoons of batter into the frying pan and cook the pan-

cake for 2 minutes until brown underneath and just set on top (with small bubbles).

Flip over and cook for a further 1-2 minutes until golden and cooked through.

Lay one pancake slightly over the other - decide which will be the head and which will make the body and decorate with your fruit.

For more family recipes download Annabel Karmel's Essential Guide to Feeding your Baby and Toddler available on iTunes and Google Play for £3.99

Annabel Karmel's Devilled Mushrooms (left) and Breakfast Bear Pancakes (below). PA Photo/Annabel Karmel



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Their debut album, 'All Change' (1995), a delightful slice of scouse psychedelic pop, was released on Polydor Records at the height of the Britpop movement, and became the highest selling album for the label, selling over one million copies and spawned four Top 20 hit singles.

Next up is London based Gene. The CDs available here

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Friday, March 14

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Gene were formed in London in 1993 by singer Martin Rossiter, guitarist Steve Mason, bassist Kevin Miles and drummer Matt James, Mason and James having previously played together in Sp!n. Inspired by the songs of The Smiths, The Jam and The Faces, Rossiter's literate vocals and Mason's fluid guitar lines were perfectly complemented by the intuitive rhythm section of Miles and James. All in all this is a massive release of some serious classics and we have a complete set of each to give away. All you have to do is answer the following question:

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

- 1 Understands (11)
- 9 Polish by friction (3)
- 10 Outer boundary (9)
- 11 Praise (5)
- 13 Small ship (7)
- 14 Latin poet (6)
- 16 One who prepares work for publication (6)
- 18 Loudly (7)
- 19 Sensational (5)
- 20 Trying to equal (9)
- 21 Sticky brown liquid from coal (3)
- 22 Delight (11)

Quick Clues Down

- 2 Sphere (3)
- 3 Scholar (5)
- 4 Continent (6)
- 5 Clad in white fur (7)
- 6 One who belittles (9)
- 7 One who rejects religious authority (11)
- 8 Those who do not believe in protective tariffs (11)
- 12 Baseness (9)
- 15 Weather (7)
- 17 One who operates a typewriter (6)
- 19 Not heavy (5)
- 21 Also (3)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Knock out empty cone for spare change (6,5)
- 9 Are making an organ (3)
- 10 Kit is somehow anti a religious follower (9)
- 11 Halts nearly a mile back for an afterthought (5)
- 13 Refer it to the conebearer (3,4)
- 14 Rest round centrally full effect (6)
- 16 Is the gambler superior? (6)
- 18 Sticky to let care run riot (7)
- 19 Move sideways, and support about fifty (5)
- 20 Unpleasant assault (9)
- 21 Part of the Bible for a worker (3)
- 22 A friend consuming the sea bird ate every other (11)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 2 Possibly stroke the blade (3)
- 3 Thrilling boots? (5)
- 4 Duty to quarrel about the rising sun god (6)
- 5 See nothing second-class to present (7)
- 6 For example, I'm back inside, told off for having gone abroad (9)
- 7 Last month on a trial about the announcement (11)
- 8 Final hearing for men up the street to make pretty speeches (11)
- 12 Domineering, but in reverse frets with an external maul (9)
- 15 Permission to abuse freedom (7)
- 17 Many is the stage I take on (6)
- 19 Exhausted - through writing in the street? (5)
- 21 Every part of the ballet (3)

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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Backache 4 Band 8 Minute 10 Spites 11 Unite 12 Slang 14 Oracle 17 Sleepwalk 18 Shadowing 22 Estate 23 Anger 24 Trays 26 Mantis 27 String 28 Nest 29 Ballasts

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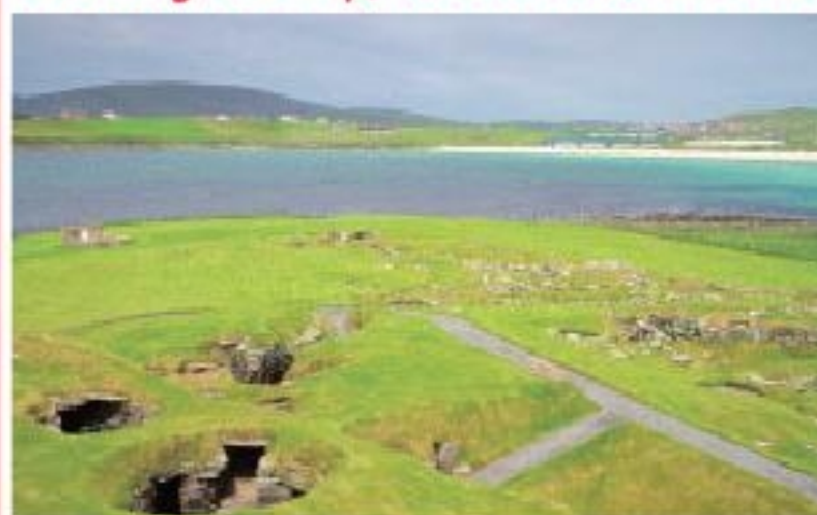
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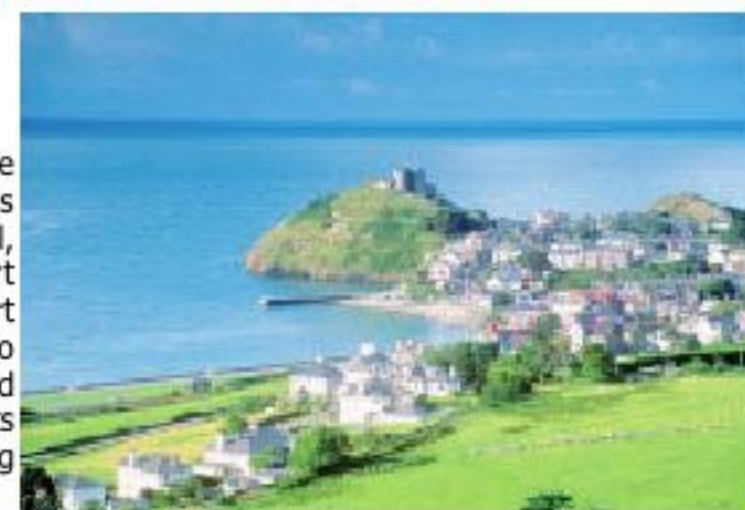
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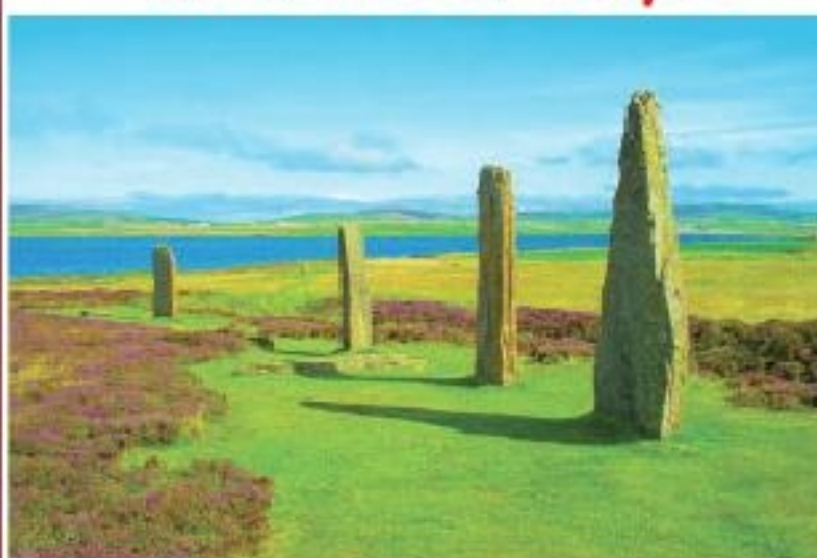
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New Honda Civic Tourer 'will handle everything you throw at it' An excellent family car

SOME things never change, and plenty of people like it that way. The question I'm pondering is whether you can or cannot apply that reasoning to the new Honda Civic Tourer.

The Civic has a duality to its reputation that no other car can quite match. On one hand, you have the boy racer's favourite, with screaming VTEC petrol engines and pin-sharp chassis dynamics. On the other hand, you have the safe, anonymous and imperiously reliable hatchback popular with the elderly.

But this new Civic Tourer aims to

REVIEW: HONDA CIVIC TOURER
By **Matt Kimberley**

end both stigmas once and for all by putting young families directly in its sights. Honda says the compact estate category is growing again, and wants to ride the crest of the wave.

So I shall do my best to look at the car through a family man's eyes.

The Tourer's long, sleek profile is fantastic, although the surface detailing is upset slightly by the bodywork-flush glass around the boot area that sits incongruously next to the door windows, naturally slightly recessed and edged by visible rubber seals.

'Will the family man really worry about that though?' I ask myself. Maybe not. He'll definitely worry about boot space though, so I lift the impressively well-assisted tailgate - an easy job for one hand - and peer into space. Literally. There's 624 litres of it, which is class leading and 19 litres ahead of the Golf estate. Some 117 litres of that space is under the main boot floor in a separate, covered compartment. It's an ingenious feature that saves cases, coats and bags from pinging about inside the boot like the plastic marbles in a game of Hungry Hippos.

The fuel tank has been shifted forward too, to underneath the front seats,

to allow for maximum boot space. There are also plenty of cubby-holes and storage solutions in the cabin, including a big central storage bin that doubles as the location for the multiple media input ports and one of the two 12-volt power sockets that should let the kids charge a compatible device on the move. Enough of the family man charade though: I want to drive the thing to see whether it's more 'young gun' or 'old chap' - or neither.

Firstly, the ride is very good, with this SR model's Adaptive Damper System in Normal mode doing a sterling job of quelling bounce but also absorbing the many bumps. The suspension is a bit loud at times, but the overall experience is great. Secondly, the wide, soft seats are comfier than my own sofa.

But thirdly, and frustratingly, the two digital screens are jarringly old-school in their look and function. Graphics seemingly aping the 1982 film *Tron* don't help, and the way the collected buttons and digital sub-menus are designed and laid out simply isn't user-friendly.

Another negative point is the steering, which on the open road is far too light and completely devoid of feel, or gives the impression thereof, to a degree I've almost never experienced before.

To give it its due, the system is comfortable in town, so the school run, multi-storey car parks and low-speed lane-



• **Honda Civic Tourer**

changes in traffic are all dismissed with ease, but the utter lack of weight or feel can be disconcerting at speed, despite the steering system being very direct and quick to respond.

The petrol engine is smoother and quieter than the gutsier and more frugal diesel, so you'll need to do the maths on whether the fuel economy and road tax savings - it's free for the diesel - are enough to overcome the near - £1,200

price hike. Almost everything a great everyday car needs is in place with the Civic Tourer.

So if your needs fit its big-booted and comfortable-seated talents and if the dated technology doesn't bother you, feel blissfully free to enjoy a car that will handle everything you throw at it, and probably never, ever break down. Now that's a car I could put my family in.

Facts at a glance

Model: Honda Civic 1.8 i-VTEC SR Tourer, £24,350

Engine: 1.8-litre four-cylinder producing 140bhp and 128lb.ft

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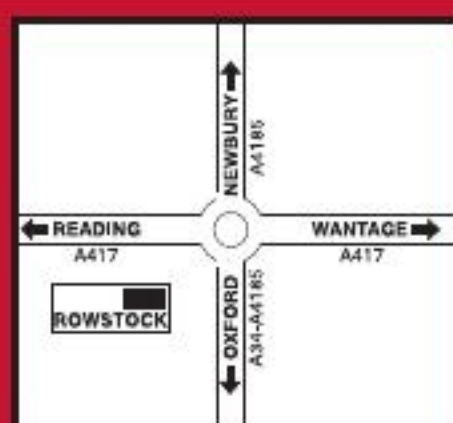
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09 09 KA STUDIO 1.2 PETROL, 3dr, strobe met/grey, 5 spd, PAS, r/CD 2 a/b, ABS, 2 local owners, FSH, only £30 12 months RFL, 53,400 miles



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10 60 MONDEO TITANIUM 2.0 PETROL 1.4PS TITANIUM, 5spd, 5 dr, chill met/grey, e/w&m, c/l, DAB radio CD, heated screen, climate control, front fogs, alloys, ABS, ESP, cruise, front & rear park sensors, PAS, 7 a/b, auto lights/wipers, B'tooth, service history, one owner from new, 35,814 miles. £8,495

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- 12 61 FOCUS 1.6 PETROL 125PS ZETEC ESTATE, colorado red/grey, e/w&m, c/l, DAB r/CD, alloys, a/c, ABS, ESP, HFS, front fogs, 6 airbags, Blue tooth USB, rear park sensors, 12 months manufacturers warranty, one owner from new, FSH, 17,900 miles £11,995
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10 60 FUSION 1.4 PETROL ZETEC, 5dr, moonlight silver met/grey, e/w&m, c/l, front fogs, r/CD, 2 airbags, PAS, HFS, alloys, ABS, air con, one owner from new, low mileage 19,300 miles £7,795

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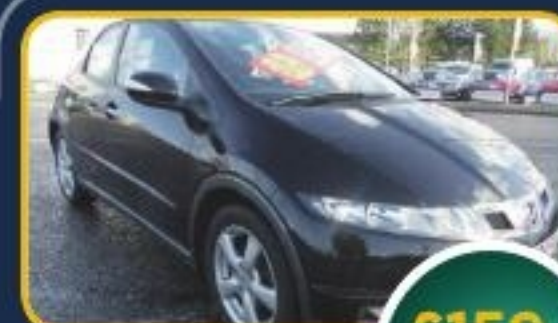
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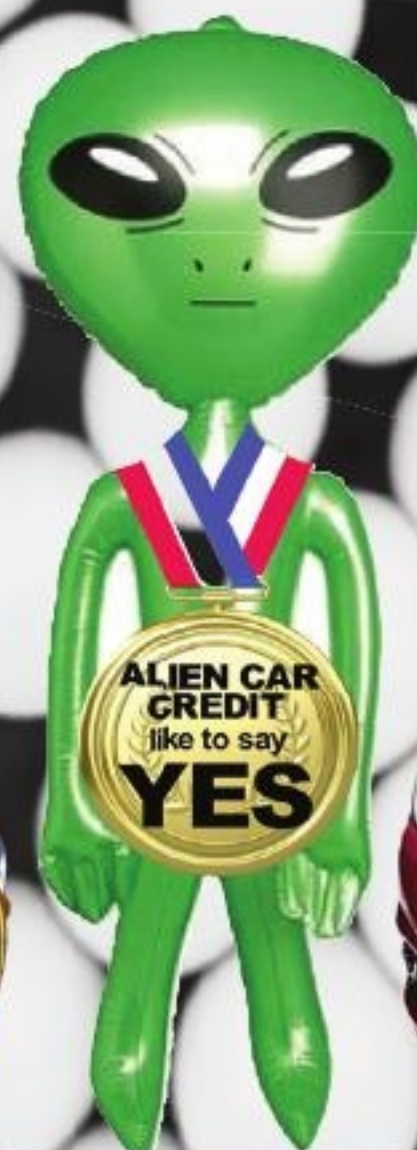




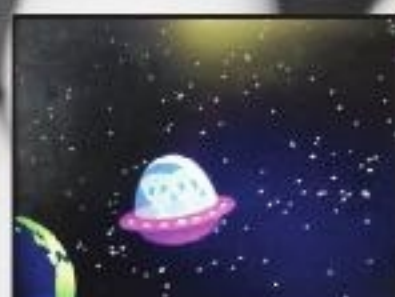
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Brits took the smart-buy range to its heart last year, making it the fastest-growing car brand in the country. Now they are being rewarded with an unbeatable offer, available on new Duster models ordered until 31st March 2014, which start from £9,495.

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Dacia UK Brand Manager, Andy Heiron, said: "After a record-breaking year, it seemed only right to show our appreciation to the public. Dacia came to the UK with one mission: to shake up the long stagnant new and used markets by offering "shockingly affordable" vehicles with high levels of quality and unrivalled space and equipment for the money. We've been asking customers to 'Do The Maths', but even I'm struggling to get my head around this latest price - what you are getting for your money is scary!"

Having sold more than 17,000 cars in 2013 across its four-strong line-up,

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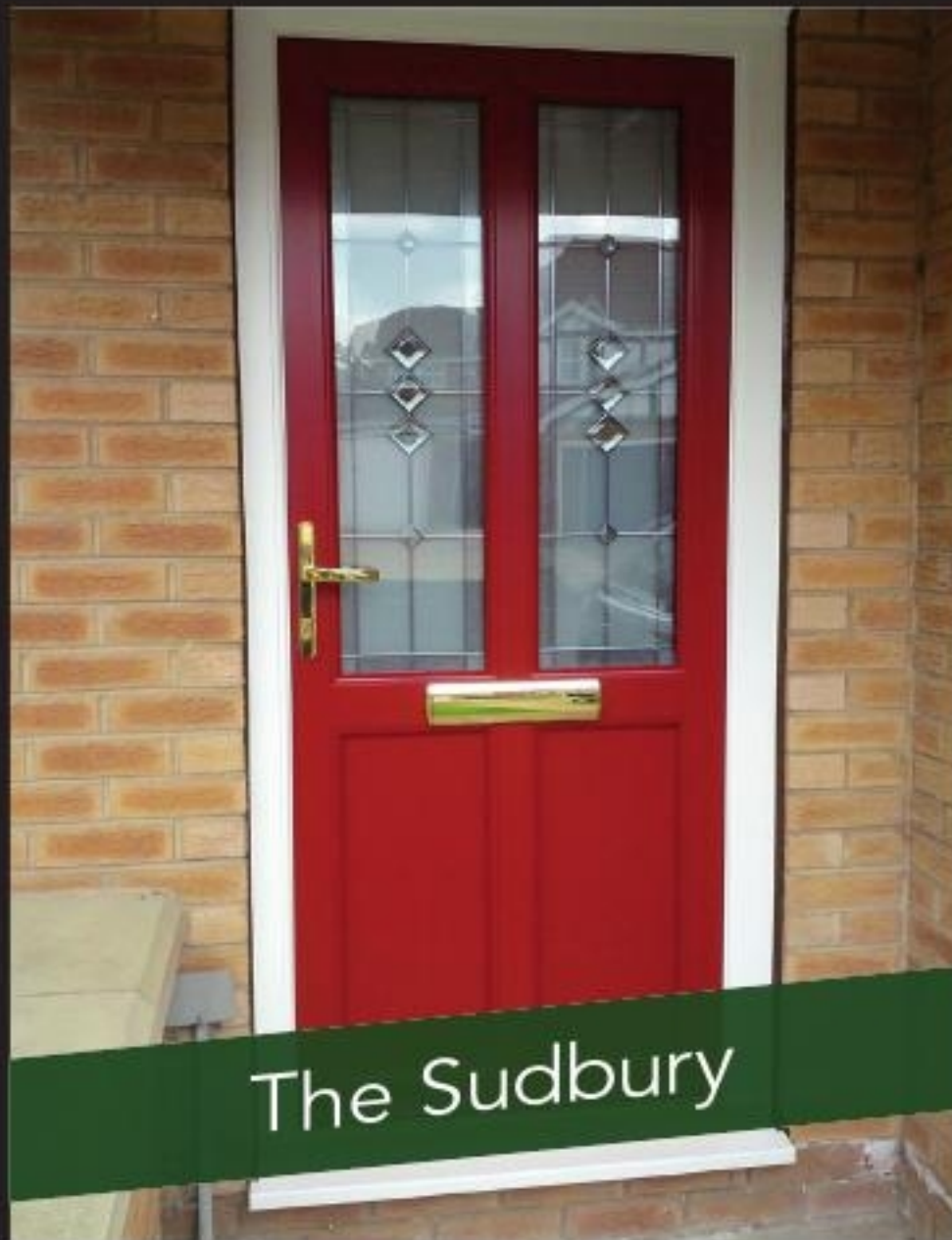
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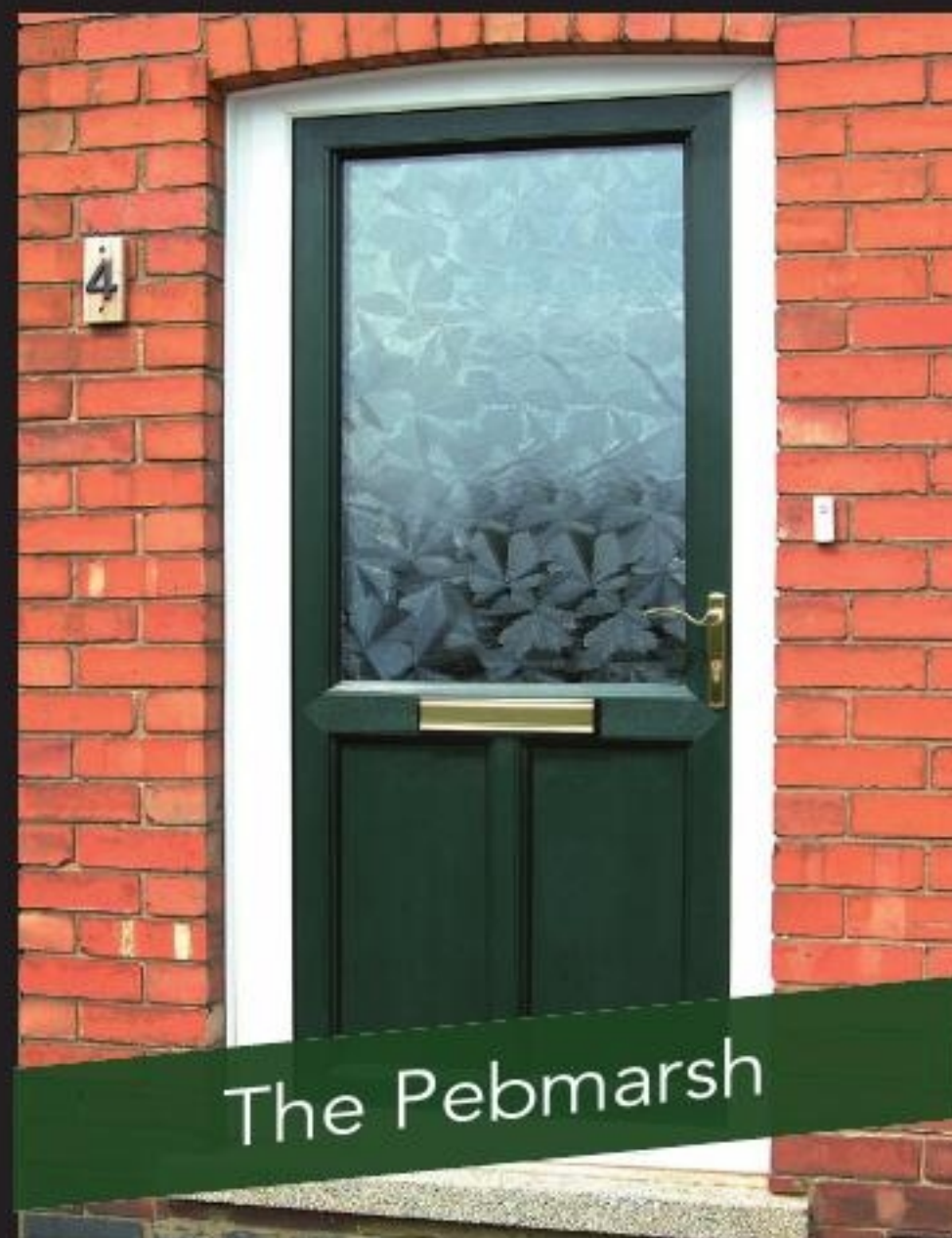
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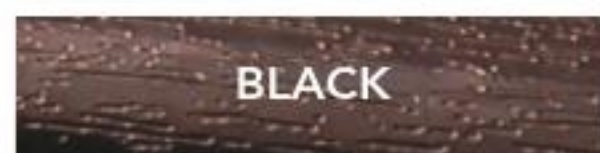
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Lewis left fuming after Morecambe late show

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The Alfredians have three games in hand over Ardley but as the Guardian went to print, their attentions turned to a 'Bluefin Sports' Challenge Cup third round tie at Shrivenham.

Elsewhere, Thame United were knocked out of the Challenge Cup in the second round on penalties by Wokingham & Emmbrook.

Thame returned to league action on Monday and drew 1-1 at Binfield.

Oxford City Nomads beat Wootton Bassett Town 2-0, although last night's match against Brimscombe & Thrupp was called off.

Meanwhile, Kidlington beat Brimscombe 3-2 last weekend but Abingdon Town's game at home to Highworth Town was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Stars power on after win over Slough

OXFORD City Stars topped the league cup qualifying group ahead of the finals weekend next month, as they beat Slough Jets 5-3 on Sunday.

Stars had opened the scoring within four minutes as Josh Oliver beat two players to set up Jacob Smith to tap the puck into the net.

James Pentecost grabbed the second moments later, before Jeff Sykora extended the lead further as he scored with just three seconds of a powerplay remaining.

Slough got their first in the second period as league top scorer and team owner Zoran Kasic fired a shot past Stars netminder James Skaife.

Following the final break, Slough reduced the deficit further as Josh Condren lifted a shot over Skaife's shoulder, before Stars retaliated through Alan Green to restore the two-goal margin.

A Liam Underdown deflection gave Slough their third, but Stars were determined to take the win and Pentecost got his second from a tight angle for a final 5-3 scoreline.

Stars return to league action on Sunday, as they host fifth-placed London Haringey Racers.

By Jack Johnson

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MICKEY Lewis was left fuming after Robbie Threlfall's late equaliser denied Oxford United victory at Morecambe last Saturday.

David Connolly put United ahead on 13 minutes but Threlfall poked home Andy Fleming's corner two minutes into added time to snatch a point.

United have slipped to fourth in Sky Bet League Two and are now six points off league leaders Chesterfield, who were beaten at Wycombe on Saturday but beat Cheltenham on Tuesday night. As it stands, United are two points off the third automatic promotion spot currently occupied by Rochdale.

Lewis, United's caretaker manager, told the club: "I'm not happy at all. I'm a pretty jovial kind of guy, I think, and I just thought that was a real kick in the teeth for us and of our own doing."

Despite United having the majority of the possession, Morecambe pressed for an equaliser in the second half.

Jack Sampson was twice denied by Ryan Clarke before Threlfall's equaliser in the dying seconds.

Lewis added: "I was quite happy after 70 minutes.

"The pitch wasn't great, we were a bit loose in our passing at times and with Morecambe coming at us I just thought that with the attacking players we had on the pitch we should have done better going forward.

"I thought we gave the ball away too cheaply and even though we didn't have a lot of chances, we got into good areas where we perhaps should have got something from it."

United were without injured duo Deane Smalley and Dave

Kitson (both hamstring) while Tom Newey was suspended.

Matt Bevans was rested, with David Hunt moving across to right-back, while Sam Long came in at centre-half for his senior debut and midfielder Scott Davies deputised at left-

back.

Clarke added: "We're gutted. "I think a lot of people would have looked at the team beforehand and said 'if it's a point we'll take it' but we got ourselves into the game and the boys all put in a good shift.

"It's just one little bit at the end where it's gone against us and the way it's come about is just absolutely gutting."

United will attempt to return to winning ways when they travel to Rochdale in a key clash this Saturday.



• David Connolly scored his third goal since joining on loan but United were held to a draw at Morecambe (Picture by Steve Daniels)

Ford cautious over veteran frontman

MIKE Ford says he will have to be careful in selecting Steve Basham between now and the end of the season after the striker scored on his first competitive start for Oxford City in three months.

The 36-year-old had been sidelined with a calf injury and headed City's equaliser in a 1-1 draw at Barrow last Saturday.

City's Skril North match at home to Altrincham on Tuesday night was called off due to a waterlogged pitch, and Basham was set to be rested ahead of this weekend's fixture.

When asked whether he would have to be careful about how often he selects Basham, Ford said: "I have.

"More than likely, if the game had been on (on Tuesday), he might well have missed out completely just for me to give him a rest.

"We'll have to see.

"He's a tremendous asset for us and when he is on the pitch we look more likely to score a goal than when he's not."

Darren Pond took a knee to the back against Barrow and while he would have been unfit for Tuesday, Ford is hoping the midfielder will be available for the visit of Gainsborough Trinity this weekend.

• Steve Basham scored on his return from injury (Picture by Mike Allen)



Sport Bites

Smith ninth

BRADLEY Smith was ninth fastest on the opening day of the second Sepang test yesterday.

The Monster Yamaha Tech 3 rider clocked a best lap of 2:01.644, just under eight tenths slower than Alvaro Bautista who set the fastest time.

Smith's team-mate Pol Espargaro was third fastest while Jorge Lorenzo, Dani Pedrosa and Valentino Rossi were down in fifth, sixth and seventh respectively.

Hawks win

OXFORD Hawks recorded successive wins for the first time since November as they beat Eastbourne Men's 1s 5-2 last Saturday.

Top scorer Charlie Ellison was amongst the goals as Hawks remained eighth in the Premier Division One.

Hawks face Spencer Men's 1s this Saturday.

Eight in a row

HARLEQUINS extended their winning run to eight games last Saturday with a 36-12 victory at Swindon.

Mike Lee (2), Zac Norris, Jackson Achilles, Sessoni Toupou and Adam Neal all went over for the South West 1 East leaders.

Next for Quins is a trip to Cheltenham on Saturday.

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Rice joins up with Oxford RL squad

LOOSE forward Jordan Rice has joined Oxford Rugby League from Kingston Press Championship One rivals University of Gloucestershire All Golds.

The 23-year-old Scotland A international joins former All Golds Yannic Parker, Sam Blaney, Callum Mulkeen and Rory Sharratt at Oxford.

"I am very excited to join Oxford RL, it provides a great opportunity to play for a rugby league team in the south of England helping to expand the game," said Rice.

"Personally it allows for a new experience and a fresh start I look forward to working hard and earning my place in the team.

"My aims for the season is to be the best player I can be, give 100 per cent for the club and help drive Oxford towards promotion."

Oxford coach Tony Benson added: "Rice is a quality player who has always done well against us.

"I am looking forward to seeing how he goes this year."

Oxford kick-start their campaign at home to London Skolars this Sunday.



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Concannon, Heapy and co enjoying life away from Loop Meadow

MORE AWAY DAY

JOY FOR DIDCOT

DIDCOT Town maintained their recent improved away form with a 3-1 win at Bishops Cleeve in Division One South & West on Tuesday evening.

Ben Whitehead, Tom Franklin and John Mills scored to extend Diddy's winning streak away from home to three games.

It is an upturn in fortunes for the Railwaymen, who did not pick up an away win until November 27.

Since Concannon and Jamie Heapy took over from Andy Wallbridge, Diddy have collected 16 points on the road.

"We're going to try and see if we can, next season, get all our fixtures away and on a Tuesday night," Concannon joked.

"We seem to play better away from home midweek than we do at home but the away form was something we wanted to address when we took over.

"It's pleasing. It's another away win and we want to make sure we take that into Clevedon on Saturday and win the game there as well."

Concannon believes assistant manager and coach Andy Sinnott has played his part in making Didcot harder to beat, despite last Saturday's 3-0 loss at home to Taunton Town.

"Having Andy on board has made a big difference to us,"

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added Concannon.

"He has come in with good ideas which is what Jamie and myself wanted, someone with experience.

"We have worked a lot on shape and worked on a lot of things when we don't have the ball.

"People are more clear in their understanding of what they need to do when we don't have the ball, so we're just becoming a bit harder to beat and I think that's paid dividends."

Didcot are now 15th in the league table but Concannon says he and Heapy are taking it a game at a time and will not be drawn on whether their Southern league status is safe just yet.

He said: "We don't want to get too carried away and think we've got a good run of fixtures, and could get six points out of nine or whatever, we're not interested in that because you can fall flat on your face.

"If we do our best and we work hard and play to the ability we've got then we will naturally start picking up points but it's about one game at a time, that's all we're looking at."

Didcot will be without midfielders Lance Williams (ankle) and Kameron Abbassi (calf) for the trip to 19th-placed Clevedon this Saturday.

On-loan Reading striker Germaine Ofori is a doubt (knee).



• Ben Whitehead, in action against Taunton last Saturday, scored Didcot's opener at Bishops Cleeve on Tuesday (Picture by Roger Neal)



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